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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is due for filing this IDS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this \$180.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in an Office action issued by the Japanese Patent Office dated March 8, 2006, in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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A concise explanation of relevance for Japanese patent document may be ascertained from the English-language translation of its Abstract.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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